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Sent: 4/10/2012 1:17:25 PM

To: "Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA" <White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: EPA on Dimock Water Testing

Indeed, thank you for the clarification.

I was wondering if the EPA would like to respond to comments given to me suggesting the Maximum Detection Limits are set too high, and thus do not accurately measure compounds and toxic substances found in the water.

Additionally, I would like to know if the EPA's water quality assessments in Dimock take into account continued and chronic exposure to the chemicals found in the water. There are fears that though it is considered safe on a one time basis, that if residents keep consuming and using their water over time, the exposure to the compounds found will prompt health complications. What are your thoughts?

Thank you Terri for taking the time to answer these questions.

Pierre

From: Terri-A White [mailto:White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 12:36 PM
To: Pierre Bertrand
Cc: seneca.roy@epa.gov
Subject: RE: EPA on Dimock Water Testing

Hi Pierre,

I got your vm. Please reply with your specific question. What I think you're talking about is the Maximum Detection Limits (you called them thresholds) established for specific substances. I'll wait for your question(s). -- Terri

From: "Pierre Bertrand" <p.bertrand@ibtimes.com>
To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 04/09/2012 11:09 AM
Subject: RE: EPA on Dimock Water Testing

Thank you Terri. It doesn't look like I was on the mailing list when this came out last week. Could you please put me on it?

One more question: Does this latest round of testing from Dimock effectively close the EPA's investigation there? What is next?

Thanks again.

Pierre

From: Terri-A White [mailto:White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 11:04 AM
To: Pierre Bertrand
Subject: RE: EPA on Dimock Water Testing

Hi Pierre,

Here's EPA statement on Dimock. -- Terri

EPA has completed and shared with residents and Pennsylvania state officials the second set of sampling at 20 private drinking water wells in Dimock, Pennsylvania. This set of sampling did not show levels of contaminants that

would give EPA reason to take immediate action. EPA remains committed to providing Dimock residents with the best available data and information on the quality of drinking water as expeditiously as possible.

For more information on the sampling results, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/pa.html>

From: "Pierre Bertrand" <p.bertrand@ibtimes.com>

To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 04/09/2012 09:22 AM

Subject: RE: EPA on Dimock Water Testing

Good morning Terri,

I saw this morning a news report on further EPA water test results in Dimock. Apparently the EPA found that more water wells in the area are considered safe.

Can you elaborate, or help me find the EPA's latest brief on its Dimock investigation?

Thank you very much.

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From: Terri-A White [<mailto:White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 4:21 PM

To: Pierre Bertrand

Subject: RE: EPA on Dimock Water Testing

Pierre,

Nothing new to report; doubt that we'll have Dimock news this week. As soon as I have something, I'll be sure to include you on any notifications/statements we make or send out. -- Terri

From: "Pierre Bertrand" <p.bertrand@ibtimes.com>

To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 03/27/2012 03:27 PM

Subject: RE: EPA on Dimock Water Testing

Hello again, Terri,

Just following up on my request from Monday. Anything new expected out of Dimock?

Thanks again.

Pierre

From: Terri-A White [<mailto:White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 4:08 PM

To: Pierre Bertrand

Subject: Re: EPA on Dimock Water Testing

Hi Pierre,

I'm hoping to get a better idea sometime tomorrow. Check back with me later in the day on Tuesday. -- Terri

From: "Pierre Bertrand" <p.bertrand@ibtimes.com>

To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 03/26/2012 03:39 PM

Subject: EPA on Dimock Water Testing

Good afternoon Terri,

Can you tell me when we might expect the results of the subsequent weeks of water testing in Dimock? Last time we

spoke, you mentioned how more data and results will be released.

Can we expect some more info this week?

Thanks for letting me know.

Pierre

From: Terri-A White [mailto:White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov]

Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 10:38 AM

To: p.bertrand@ibtimes.com

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Subject: EPA Statement on Dimock Water Testing

Hi Pierre,

We released this statement yesterday summarizing the results of the first 11 homes tested in Dimock. I will be sure to add your name to the list of reporters to receive future notifications as test results are made available. -- Terri

On Jan. 19, as a result of requests from residents and a review of the data we had in hand, EPA announced it would perform water sampling at approximately 60 homes in the Carter Road/Meshoppen Creek Road area of Dimock, Pa. to further assess whether any residents are being exposed to hazardous substances that cause health concerns.

The first round of sampling results is now available for the first 11 homes that were tested during the week of Jan. 23.

Sampling results from these 11 homes did not show levels of contamination that could present a health concern.

Samples from six of the 11 homes did show concentrations of sodium, methane, chromium or bacteria, but concentrations were all within the safe range for drinking water. The sampling results also identified the presence of arsenic at two homes.

Out of the 11 homes tested, there are currently three homes receiving an alternate water supply provided by EPA.

EPA will continue to provide water to these homes while we perform additional sampling to ensure that the drinking water quality at these homes remains consistent and acceptable for use over time. EPA is also taking a second round of samples from the two homes where arsenic was detected, and although the levels meet drinking water standards, we will resample to better characterize the water quality of these wells. After receiving results from the second round of sampling, EPA will re-evaluate the need to continue providing an alternate water source.

EPA has offered to meet with all the residents to go over their data and answer any health-related concerns. As further quality assured data becomes available for the remaining homes, we will share with the homeowners in an expedited manner. Our actions will continue to be based on the science and the law as we work to help get a clear picture of water quality for these homes in Dimock.